(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) ऐसी तस्करी को रोकने हेतु सरकार क्या-क्या कदम उठा रही है?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मोहम्मद मकबूल डार): (क) जी नहीं, श्रीमान्।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता है।

(ग) भारत-म्यामांर सीमा के साथ-साथ तस्करी की रोकथाम करने के लिए निम्नलिखित कदम उठाए गए हैं:—

(i) नाकाओं और गश्त को बढ़ा कर सतर्कता तेज कर दी गई है; और

(ii) सीमा पर और अधिक चौकसी रखने के लिए दूर्बीनें, धूप के चश्मे, ट्विन टेलिस्कोप, नाईट विजन बाईनोकुलर्स और हैण्ड-हैल्ड-सर्च लाईट्स उपलब्ध कराई गई है।

Schooling of Criminals in U.P.

1260. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of criminals do their schooling in petty crimes in the fertile grounds of the Wild West of sprawling Uttar Pradesh and after specialization in kidnapping and murder reach the Capital;

(b) if so, the number of such criminals arrested/liquidated so far by Government and how many of them are still at large; and

(c) the steps taken to arrest them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of House.

Abolition of inhuman and condemnable punishment

1261. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chairman, National Human Rights Commission has written a letter to Government to call for an urgent meeting under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister to consider the appeal of the UN on the inhuman and condemnable means of punishment;

(b) if so, the details of the appeal of the UN received as such by Government and by when the meeting is likely to be called; and

(c) the details of the inhuman and condemnable means of punishment; and the steps Government propose to take to abolish them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) No appeal has been received by the Government of India from the UNO on the inhuman and condemnable means of publishment. However, Chairperson, National Human Rights Commission has written a letter requesting for a meeting under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister regarding Convention against Torture and Other Forms of Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment which was adopted by consensus by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 10th December, 1984.

(c) Though there are punishments provided for in Indian Penal Code/Criminal Procedure Code for various kinds of offences, there are, however, no inhuman and condemnable means of punishment under the Indian Laws.

Collection of protection money from truck and bus drivers by Delhi Police

1262. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a thriving organised racket in the collection of protection money from truckers by the officials of the traffic Police in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether Government have come across reports wherein it has been noticed that such proceeds, running into several crores are report to be shared till several rungs up the police hierarchy;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken to stop this racket, in view of the fact that rampant indiscipline by truck and bus drivers is causing more than three thousand killings on the roads of the capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) There have been instances where individual Traffic Police personnel were found involved in malpractices but there is no indication that there exists any organised connivance. During 1996 alone, over 6 lakh trucks were challaned by Delhi Traffic Police which was almost twice the number challaned during 1995. Besides, the Delhi Traffic Police carried out a major anti-corruption drive amongst its own men as a result of which 161 Traffic Police men face departmental inquiries and other 202 officials were transferred to non-sensitive units.

Visit by Home Minister to Assam

1263. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had visited Assam in January, 1997 and the Bodo dominated areas including Kokrajhar;

(b) if so, which other parts were visited by him;

(c) whether he had any discussions with emissaries who have been negotiating between Ulfa and the State Government; and

(d) if so, the results thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) The Union Home Minister visited Guwahati in January, 1997.

(c) and (d) The law & order situation was discussed with the State Govt. Various measures were suggested for dealing with the insurgency problems.

Assistance to Children of Tamil Refugees in Bangalore

1264. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM:
SHRI S. NIRAIKULATHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that both the Karnataka and the Tamil Nadu Government have denied assistance to 230 Sri Lanka Tamil Refugees' children who are lodged in a camp at Jakoor near Bangalore; and

(b) the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Security for the Investigating Authorities

1265. SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering providing full security to the investigating authorities keeping in view their work load, responsibilities, danger to their own life as well as the life of their family members; and

(b) if so, the decision of Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) Whenever such requests for security from the concerned authorities are received, the States/UTs are informed about the apprehensions regarding security of the concerned personnel and are requested to provide necessary security to them.